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SUBJECT: PRESSURE CAMPAIGN FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NVA,

AND DRV/PRG COMPLIANCE WITH PEACE AGREEMENT (PPOG MESSAGE)

CINCPAC PLEASE REPEAT TO DEPCHJUSMAGTHAI AND CDR 7 TH PSYOP GP MACHINATO OKI/ BCOPO- C. HANDLE AS "SPECAT EXCLUSIVE".

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- C. CDR 7 TH PSYOP GP MACHINATO OKI/ 171028 Z APR 73
- D. BANGKOK 6097
- E. STATE 61857
- 1. REF A CONVEYED TO ADDRESSEES OUR PROPOSALS FOR INCREASED PSYOPS PRESSURE CAMPAIGN DEISIGNED TO PROMOTE NVA WITHDRAWAL FROM LAOS, IN PRESPONSE TO REF E. THIS MISSION WAS NOT AN ADDRESSEE OF REF B. REF C PROPOSED ACTIONS BY 7 TH PSYOP GROUP TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES OF REF A. REF D REPORTED HIGH- LEVEL RTG CONCERN OVER ALLEGED UNCOORDINATED THAI AIR SPACE.
- 2. OUR RECOMMENDATION OF RENEWED FOUNTAIN PEN/ TRAIL HIGH ALTITUDE LEAFLET MISSIONS INDICATED THESE MISSIONS SHOULD BE FLOWN OVER THAILAND, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SECRET

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PERIOD OF FAVORABLE WINDS TO REACH NVA CONCENTRATIONS IN LAOS BY WIND- DRIFT TECHNIQUE. WE WOULD NOT ENVISAGE THAT THESE MISSIONS SHOULD BE FLOWN OVER LAOS. IN VIEW OF REF D, WE ARE REPEATING REF A TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK FOR NECESSARY COORDINATION.

- 3. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT INDICATION IN PARA 1(B) OF REF C THAT LEAFLETS TO BE USED IN LAOS WILL "DEAL WITH JUSTIFICATION/ EXPLANATION OF RENEWED BOMBING IN LAOS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WISH TO STATE THAT USAF BOMBING OF THA VIANG AREA, APRIL 16-17, WAS LIMITED, SURGICAL STRIKE INTENDED TO PUNISH NVA FOR SPECIFIC MASSIVE VIOLATION OF LAOS CEASEFIRE, AND TO WARN DRV AGAINST FURTHER SUCH VIOLATIONS. THIS STRIKE SHOULD BE DEPICTED AS SUCH IN PROPOSED NEW LEAFLETS, NOT RPT NOT DESCRIBED AS "RENEWED BOMBING OF LAOS" IN GENERALIZED SENSE.
- 4. WE PRESUME THAT ALL LEAFLETS TO BE USED IN NEW CAMPIAGN IN LAOS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE MISSION FOR PRIOR CONCURRENCE.

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